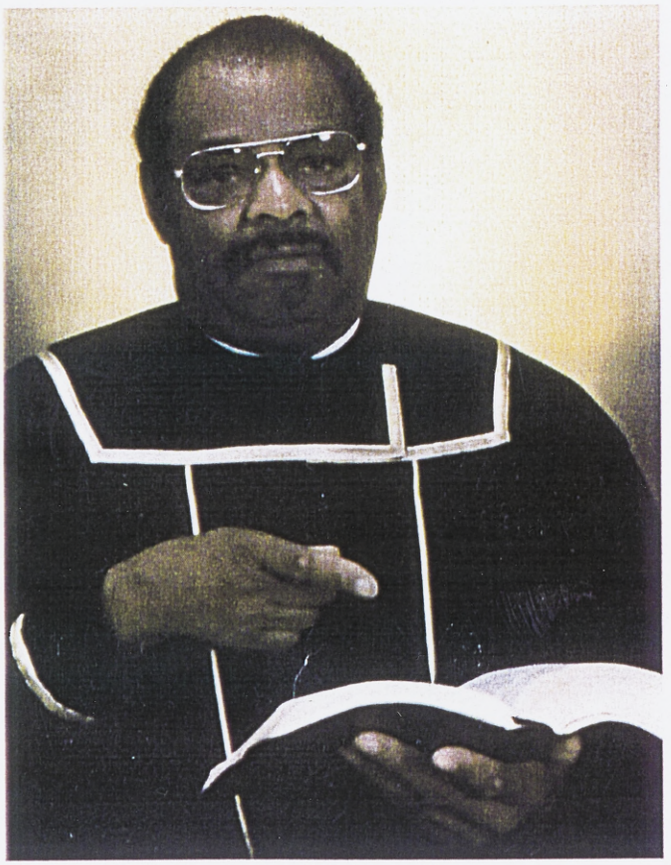
Home Going Celebration

Of

Elder Henry Shepard Jr.



Sunrise
September 14, 1936

Sunset
April 13, 2008

Services:

New Hope Church C.O.G.I.C.

5763 Walnut St. Oakland, CA

Monday April 21, 2008 at 11:00AM

Officiating

Pastor Milton Starks

Life Reflections of Henry Shepard Jr.

Henry Shepard Jr. was born on September 14, 1936 to Henry Sr. and Mary Shepard. Henry was the younger of two children. His father Henry Sr., brother Willie, and his mother Mary preceded him in death. Henry attended and graduated from Spiro Public School System in Spiro, Oklahoma. Shortly after graduating, Henry was drafted into the armed forces. He was stationed in Germany where he served his term and was honorably discharged. He often spoke of his encounters while stationed in Germany. This was one of many defining moments in his life.

He was always a happy fun and loving man. He spread his joy and love to all he touched. Henry received Christ at an early age under the leadership of Elder E.W. Wynn of Oroville, Ca. He sought the Lord with diligence, even fasting and praying in weather conditions of 110 degrees in order to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Henry left Oroville and moved to Oakland California where he met and married the love of his life Cynthia Jones. To this union, was born a little girl Ayana.

Elder Shepard, as he is known now, worked construction until he became a driver for the AC Transit system. He enjoyed his position of being a local bus driver until he had a work related accident which caused his early retirement. This did not hinder his drive of pursuing the Lord. He served under the leadership of Elder A.D. Willis.

Twelve years later Elder Shepard was inspired by the Lord to start his mission which resulted in Good Shepherd COGIC. He pastored until his health began to fail. Elder Shepard was District Superintendent of Oakland No. 1 and Sunday School Field Representative under the leadership of Bishop G. R. Ross and Bishop M. J. Clifton.

Elder Shepard led by example and never wavered from the word of God. He displayed true Christianity by continuously giving love, spiritual guidance, support and encouragement to all around him.

As his affliction began to escalate, he was no longer able to pastor and joined New Hope COGIC. Even through this trying time it never stopped his faithfulness unto the Lord and his supportive wife stood firmly by his side.

Elder Henry Shepard leaves in Gods hands his loving and faithful wife Cynthia, two sons Eric Mondy (Marquita) of Orlando FL, Fred Rimpson of Oakland, CA, Four daughters Ayana King (Kevin) of Hayward, CA.,. Susan Shepard of Oroville, CA, Marie Shepard of Oroville, Yvette Reynolds Sacramento CA., CA., twelve grandchildren , four great grandchildren, a host of nieces , nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Order Of Service
For
Henry Shepard Jr.

Master Of Ceremony
Administrative Assistant George M. Murray

Processional……

Prayer……Minister

Scripture Reading……Minister

Old Testament……

New Testament……

Selection……New Hope Choir

Expressions……Bishop J. L. Macklin

Selection……Missionary Lola Holoman

Expressions……Brother Bill Levias
Family & Friends

Acknowledgements of
Cards and Condolences……Sister Angelique Shivers

Resolution……

Selection……The Shivers Family

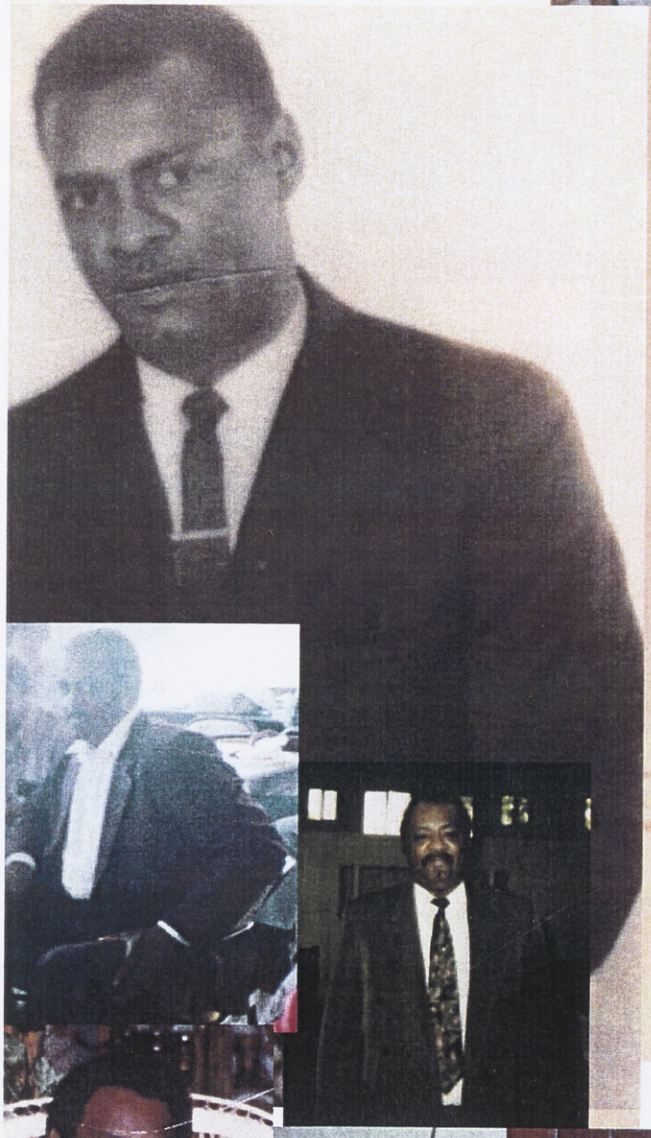
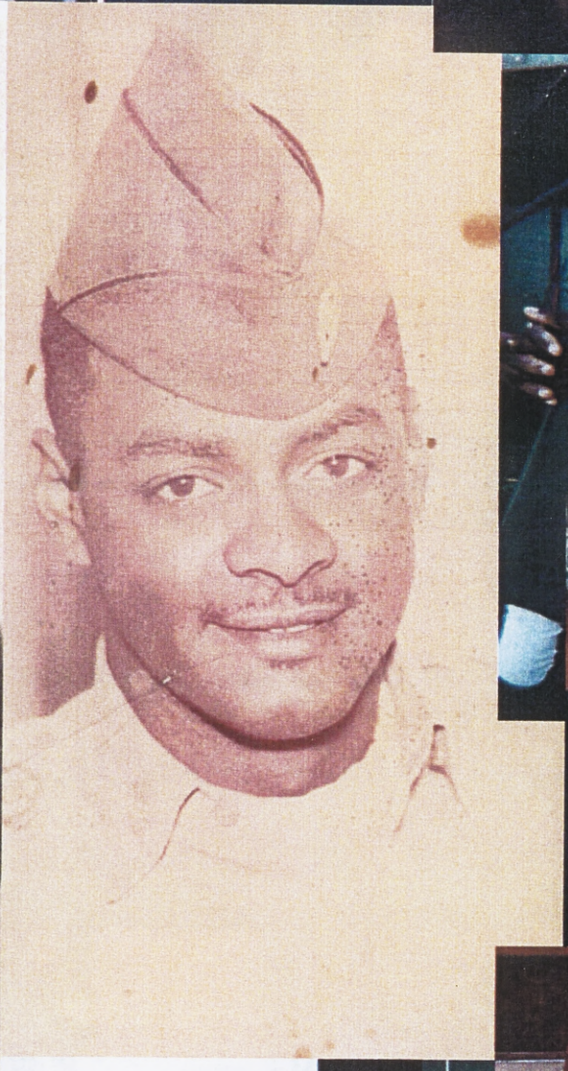
My Hero……Sister Ayana King

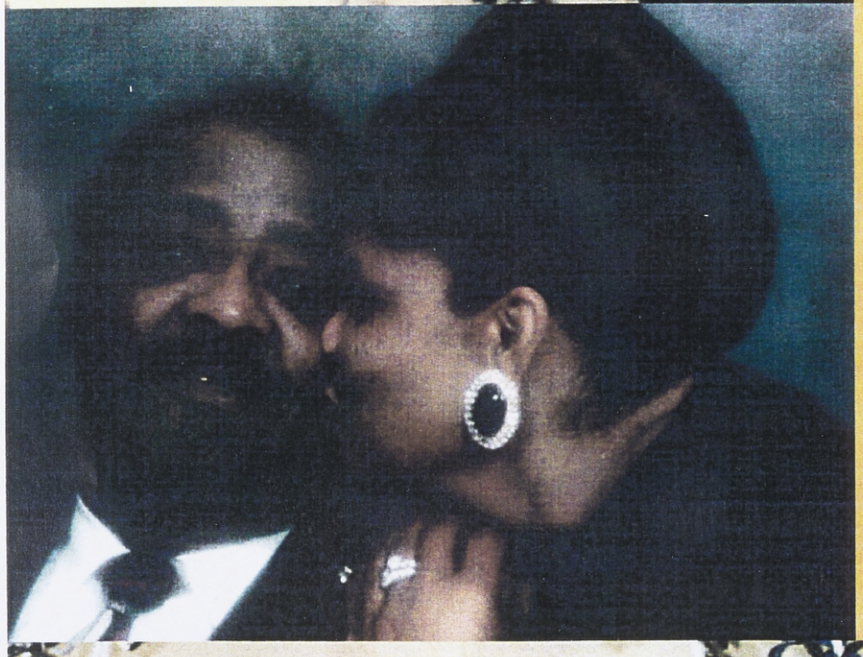
Selection ……Sister Debra Byrd

Eulogy……Pastor Milton Starks

Parting View……

Recessional……



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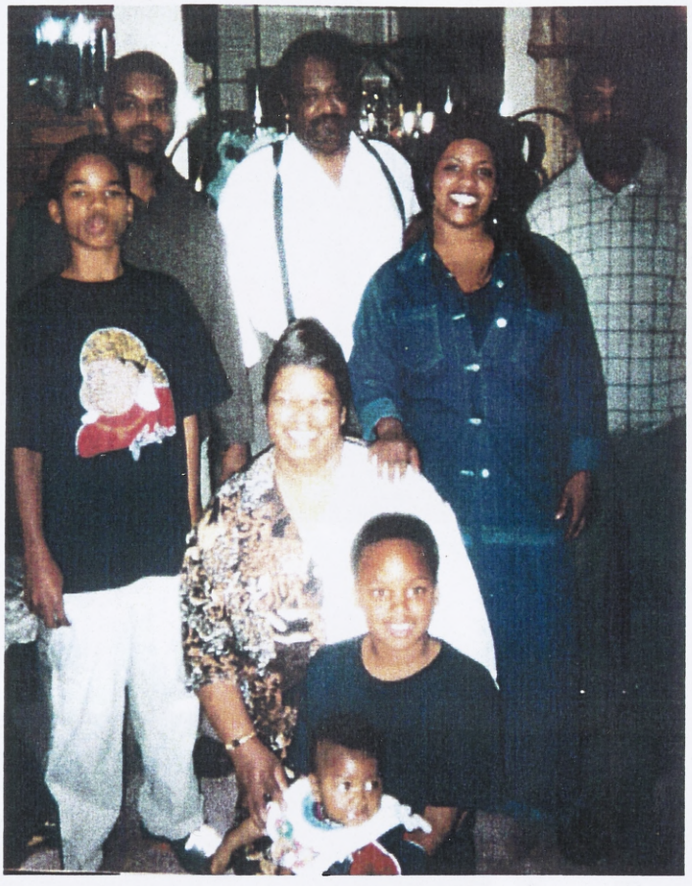

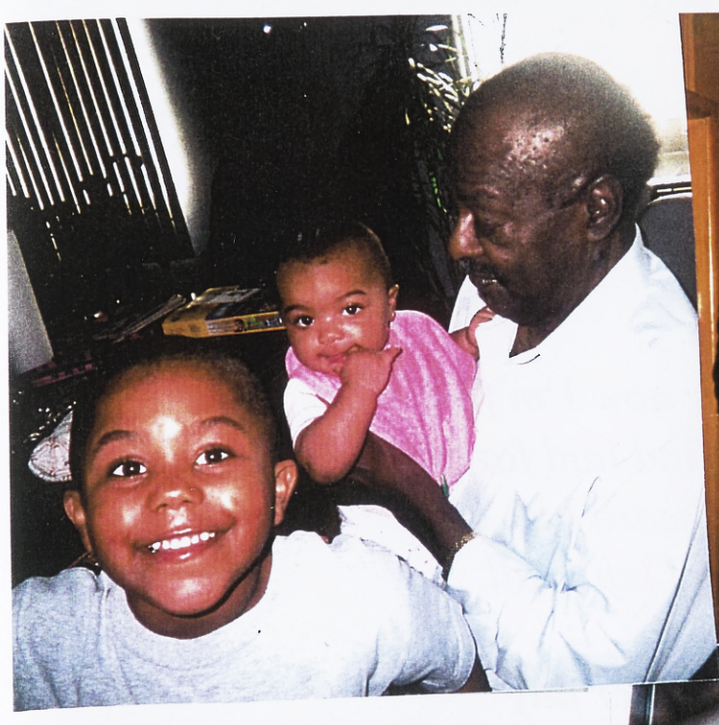

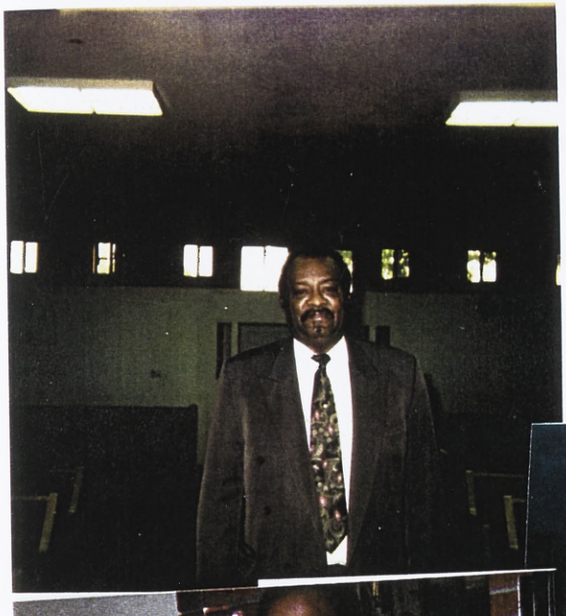

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at close of day

If my parting has left a void
Then I filled with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these things I too will miss

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored so much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, he set me free

-UNKNOWN AUTHOR-

Active Pallbearers

Fred Rimpson III
Charles Jones II
Eric Mondy Jr.

James Shivers
Larry Jackson
Rodney Burkes

Honorary Pallbearers

Fred Rimpson Jr.
Eric Mondy Sr.
Kevin King Sr.

Ricky Stewart
Charles Walker
Charles Jones

Acknowledgements & Special Thanks

**The Shepard Family would
Like to give special thanks
To all of the those who showed
Love and support**

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH

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